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In re Patent Application of)
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For: **TROCAR FOR INSERTING**)
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 6, 2001, Applicant submits the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly replace Claims 4 and 11 as follows.

4. (Amended) A trocar comprising:
a cannula for receiving an implant and inserting the implant into an animal;
a spring element received within the cannula, the spring element having a
leaf spring for retaining the implant inside the cannula, the leaf spring applying a frictional

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